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1. [redacted] without question  
Beriya had emerged as the strong man in the Soviet Union reminiscent of Himmler, i.e., cold, ruthless, efficient, and ambitious [redacted]  
[redacted] it seemed unlikely that Malenkov would have been named successor to Stalin unless this was part of a deal made with Beriya.

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2. [redacted] 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment: On 20 March 1953, it was announced that a plenum of the Central Committee of the CPSU on 14 March released G.M. Malenkov at his own "request" from his post as Party Secretary and elected a new Secretariat headed by N.S. Krushchev. Krushchev still holds no position in the government.

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